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SUBJ: BRIEFING ON DAYAN AND BEGIN VISITS

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1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS MAY 10, CHARGE BRIEFED HIM ON TALKS HELD WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS TO THE U.S. CHARGE STRESSED USG INTEREST IN KEEPING TALKS GOING WITH OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING ENOUGH AGREEMENT ON A FRAMEWORK SO THAT OTHER PARTIES CAN BECOME INVOLVED. CHARGE ALSO MENTIONED THAT IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT SENIOR USG OFFICIALS AND OTHER PROMINENT AMERICAN PERSONALITIES WOULD BE MAKING STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELIS IN CONNECTION WITH ISRAELIS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS BUT THAT THESE DID NOT REPEAT NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLY A CHANGE IN OUR POLICIES ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT OR IN SECRET

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POSITIONS USG HAS RECENTLY TAKEN ON ISSUES INVOLVED. USG CONTINUED TO SUPPORT SADAT INITIATIVE AND BELIEVED THAT INTENSE DEBATE NOW UNDERWAY IN ISRAEL MIGHT PRODUCE BASIC CHANGES IN ATTITUDE THAT COULD LEAD TOWARDS PEACE.

2. BOUTROS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD USG POSITION AND

STRATEGY AND WISHED US WELL, ALTHOUGH HE WAS FRANKLY NOT OPTIMISTIC. HE REMARKED THAT HE THOUGHT THE RUSSIANS WERE NOT PLAYING A HELPFUL ROLE AND WOULD WORK AGAINST ANY MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVES WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THEM; THAT IS, THAT WERE NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO A RETURN TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK. LANE

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